# City Insight March 2012

# A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to announce the completion and grand opening of the new

Killeen Arts & Activities Center (KAAC). I hope you will join us as we celebrate March 30 and 31.

A project many years in the making, the KAAC is a complete redevelopment of a former church property in downtown. It is our hope that this facility will serve as a catalyst for further revitalization of the most historic part of our city.

This new facility brings together community service agencies, the arts, and civic events in one convenient location.

Many of the agencies are already open to the public including Richard Milburn Academy, Headstart, Christian Assistance Network, Killeen Civic Art Guild,

and Bring Everyone in the Zone. Bell County Human Services, the Greater Killeen Free Clinic, and Section 8 Housing have moved into the complex. The City of Killeen Community Development Division has also made KAAC its new home.

The Performing Arts Center and Clements Auditorium will debut at the grand opening along with a number of smaller event spaces. KAAC will provide space for large and small events on the north side of Killeen.

The new Green Avenue Farmers Market will also open with local farmers selling their crops. After the opening, the market will be open weekly.

The City of Killeen is so proud to open this new facility that will be a driving force in the future of Downtown Killeen.

Sinistry L. Hancock

MAYOR

# **Opening Events**

#### Ribbon-Cutting & Open House Friday, March 30

3-5 p.m.

Official Chamber of Commerce Ribbon-Cutting and tours of agency offices and facilities.

## Grand Opening Saturday, March 31

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cultural performances, story times, puppet shows, kids arts and crafts, bouncies, food vendors, and more.

802 N. 2nd Street



# **CITY COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 12**

Killeen residents have the opportunity to elect a mayor and five city council members May 12.

Voters will elect a new mayor. The mayor is elected at large meaning that all registered Killeen voters may cast their vote in this race. The term for this position is two years from May 2012 to May 2014.

Three at large council seats are also on the ballot. All registered voters may select three candidates for which to cast their votes. The three candidates receiving the most votes will win two-year terms lasting from May

2012 to May 2014.

There are also two district seats on a special election ballot. Voters in Districts 1 and 2 will vote to fill the vacant seats for the remainder of the current term which runs through May 2013. A district seat may only be elected by Killeen residents who live in that district.

Voters are reminded to locate their district boundaries to know which seats they are eligible to elect. A detailed voting district map, list of candidates, and more voting information is available at www.killeentexas.gov.

# CITY ELECTION

## **Election Day is May 12**

Voting at

**Precinct Polling Locations** 

7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### Early Voting

Killeen City Hall

April 30-May 1, May 4, & May 7-8 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 2-3 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### Killeen Community Center

April 30-May 1, May 4, & May 7-8

# DO YOU LIKE US?

Gone are the days of having to reach City Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Many of the city services you need are now only a click away 24-hours a day.

The City of Killeen is on Facebook, and we want you to "like" our brand new page. Go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/KilleenTexas">www.facebook.com/KilleenTexas</a>, and like our page to get updates on all the latest city happenings.

The city's Facebook page is a new way for the public to interact



with the city. Users can find breaking news, photo galleries, event dates, and useful links to information

on the city's website. They can comment on city postings, share them with friends, and post questions to get answers about city business. Like us today!

# A CLEAN KILLEEN

Spring is just around the corner; it's time to tidy up your property.

City ordinance prohibits grass from being more than 12 inches tall. It is the homeowner's or tenant's responsibility to mow the grass from the front curb to the back of the property.

Recreational vehicles like boats and motor homes are allowed in residential neighborhoods, but they cannot be parked on the street or in yards. Store yours on asphalt or concrete.

It is unlawful to leave abandoned vehicles, appliances, building materials, tires, or brush in the open on your property. These items should be hauled off or kept in a storage building or behind a screening device.

To report any of these in your neighborhood, call 501-7608.



# DON'T CAUSE A CRASH, MIND THE YELLOW ARROW FLASH

The City of Killeen and Texas Department of Transportation have recently installed the new flashing yellow arrow feature on three traffic lights in Killeen. The new signals are located at State Highway 195 at Elms Road, Stan Schlueter Loop at Lions Club Park, and Rancier Avenue at 38<sup>th</sup> Street.

The new signal is a yellow arrow that flashes. It signifies an unprotected left turn replacing the solid green light. The new lights are accompanied by a sign with the words, "left turn yield on flashing yellow arrow."

The Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT have adopted the flashing yellow arrow for left turn lanes that have their own signals. All new lights and upgrades to existing lights in Killeen will have to meet these new standards.

The public can also expect to see flashing yellow arrows at the following intersections towards the end of this year: Stagecoach Road at Chantz Drive, Stagecoach Road at Rosewood Drive, Stan Schlueter Loop at W.S. Young Drive and Stan Schlueter Loop at Trimmier Road.



**Steady Red Arrow** = Stop. No left turns allowed.

Steady Yellow Arrow = Prepare to stop.

Flashing Yellow Arrow = Left turns allowed, must yield to oncoming traffic.

Steady Green Arrow = Protected left turn.

# **EVENTS CALENDAR**

#### **MARCH**

Killeen Arts & Activities Center Grand Opening March 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. 802 N. 2nd St.

#### **APRIL**

### Smallville & Easter Egg Hunt

April 7, 10:30 a.m. Lions Club Park

#### **Texas Trash Off**

April 14, 8 a.m. start Locations throughout Killeen

#### **Celebrate Killeen Festival**

April 26-28 Killeen Community Center

#### MAY

#### **Election Day**

May 12, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Polling locations

## **Rodeo Killeen**

May 24-26 Killeen Rodeo Arena

Family Aquatic Center and Pools Open

May 26

#### JUNE

#### Movies in the Park

June 8 & 22, 8 p.m. Killeen Amphitheatre

## **Hot Summer Nights**

June 1, 15 & 29, 8 p.m. Killeen Amphitheatre

#### JULY

# **Movies in the Park**

July 6 & 20, 8 p.m. Killeen Amphitheatre

# **Hot Summer Nights**

July 13 & 27, 8 p.m. Killeen Amphitheatre

Go to <u>killeentexas.gov</u> for details on all city events.